State/U.T. Name	Public Sector Banks		Private Sector Banks	
	Rural Centres	All Centres	Rural Centres	All Centres
Mizoram	—	1	—	—
Nagaland	—	1	—	—
Orissa	3	22	—	12
Pondicherry	—	2	—	3
Punjab	2	39	3	94
Rajasthan	3	46	—	37
Sikkim	1	5	—	3
Tamil Nadu	1	70	—	55
Tripura	—	1	—	1
Uttar Pradesh	—	80	—	40
Uttaranchal	—	14	—	10
West Bengal	1	35	—	42
All India	61	895	19	828

Constitution of Sixth Pay Commission

224. SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government staff including Railway employees have given notice to go on indefinite strike from 1st March, 2006 to press their demand for constitution of next Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government on the constitution of the Pay Commission with likely terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 20 point charter of demands submitted by the Joint Council of Action of Government employees is enclosed *(See* below)

(c) Government is initiating steps for setting up the Sixth Pay Commission for Central Government employees.

Statement

Revised 20-Point Charter of demands issued by the Joint Council of Action in its meeting held on 15th January, 2006

1. Constitute VI CPC and grant interim relief.
2. Merge 50% DA with Basic Pay *w.e.f.* 01.07.2002 instead of 01.04.2004.
3. Withdraw downsizing schemes, stop surrendering of posts, stop outsourcing of activities, lift ban on recruitment and fill all vacancies.
4. Withdraw new Contributory Pension Scheme.
5. Implement the agreement (signed on 11th September, 1997) for the rectification of V CPC anomalies and remove hurdles in processing them before the Arbitrator.
6. (a) Grant 50% merger of DA to the Gramin Dak Sewaks, provide social security benefit and concede their demand for consideration of their pay scales and service conditions by the VI CPC.

   (b) Increase the allowances, including Hourly Rate of Incentive Bonus to the Workshop staff and Special Compensatory (Hill) Allowances etc. consequent on merger of 50% DA with Basic Pay.
7. Grant accumulation and encashment of 300 days EL for the Defence and other industrial workers.
8. Increase interest on the GPF.
9. Remove ceiling of 5% quota in respect of compassionate ground appointment.
10. Ensure regular functioning of the JCM fora as per JCM scheme.
11. Implement pending Arbitration Awards on HRA arrears, pay scales of Accounts & Audit, Night Duty Allowance etc.
12. Implement the CAT decision on restructuring of the Central Secretariat cadre.

13. Implement agreement of 11th September, 1997 and grant pay scale of Rs. 5000—8000 to the Master Craftsman of the Defence Establishment.

14. Count Casual Labour (granted temporary status) service in full for all purposes, including pension and other retirement benefits.

15. Create additional posts for the maintenance of new assets created and new services introduced without imposing any restrictions.

16. Scrap report of the Running Allowances Committee-2002.

17. Review HOER, reduce duty hours of the Runing staff and other Safety categories staff in the Railways.

18. Grant Cadre Restructuring and upgradation of left out categories in the Railways.

19. Remove discrimination-amongst the Central Government employees working in the N.E. region by granting Special Duty Allowance to all Group 'C & 'D' employees.

20. Improve Career opportunities of the Group 'D' employees in the Railways.

Open premium system in insurance sector

† 225. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurance sector is moving in the direction of open premium system but due to shortage of statisticians working for insurance companies this work is not being done rapidly; and

(b) if so, the aid Government are considering to provide to insurance companies in order to cope with the shortage of statisticians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir. However, it is a fact that Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) has circulated

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.